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SOUTHERN BELLES

Simon Middle School students return to their classrooms after practicing their parts for today's Civil War Days celebration at the school. The event will be rescheduled for Friday in the event of rain.



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ABERDEEN VILLAGE ATTORNEY RESIGNS

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ABERDEEN, Ohio | Aberdeen's village attorney resigned last Thursday, according to Mayor Harry Foxworthy who said he had been unhappy with her performance as the solicitor.

Foxworthy said his allegations against Tresa Gossett are now moot since she is no longer working with the village.

A phone call to Gossett's cell phone number resulted

in a disconnection when The Ledger Independent tried to contact her for comment. She also did not return a message for her left on voice mail.

Foxworthy said in a letter to council dated April 18, he felt Gossett had been negligent in her duties to council.

A copy of the letter and responses from council were emailed to The Ledger Independent by an anonymous source.

"This letter should never

have been released to the press, at least until council members reviewed it during the next council meeting. Then it would have been discussed in an open meeting. This was a certified letter sent to Ms. Gossett and sent as a courtesy to council members. But now that she has resigned, it is no longer important. Now a new solicitor for the village needs to be hired," Foxworthy said. He said several attorneys had expressed an interest in the position.

In his letter, Foxworthy wrote Gossett failed to notify council when the option expired to purchase the land intended to be the site of the new water plant and wells. Later Foxworthy said he learned Gossett was the personnel attorney for the alleged land owner of the property, Annette Mineer, although he also said it is still unclear who owns the land.

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Crane trial postponed for testimony

THE DELAY COULD BE FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS

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GEORGETOWN, Ohio | The Robert Crane trial was postponed Wednesday in Brown County Common Pleas Court after the judge presiding over the case ruled a scientist who conducted a drug test following Christine Crane's death must testify.

The delay could be for a couple of weeks, because Judge Scott T. Gusweiler said it is Robert Crane's constitutional rights to be able to confront all witnesses against him in court.

Robert Crane is accused of being culpable in his wife's death last year. Christine Dryden Crane, 41, died in her home near Aberdeen, Ohio, on March 17, 2011, from heroin toxicity, according to the official autopsy report.

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Teacher enters guilty plea in drug case

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FLEMINGSBURG | A guilty plea has been entered in a case against a Bath County teacher who was allegedly providing a former student with his prescription drugs.

Darrel K. Colburn, 60, of Flemingsburg, entered a guilty plea in Fleming County Circuit Court on Friday, during a pre-trial conference. Colburn was indicted in February on one count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, 89 oxycodone tablets and 89 methadone; and trafficking in a legend drug when he allegedly transferred Viagra to Barnett.

The co-defendant in the case, Bradley H. Barnett, was indicted on one count of first-degree trafficking controlled substance, 89 oxycodone tablets and 89 methadone, with the intent to sell them to another individual; and illegal possession of a legend drug, Viagra.

See GUILTY, A2

Supreme Court hints OK on Ariz. immigration law

JUSTICES SEEM OK WITH MAJOR PART OF ARIZONA'S TOUGH LAW ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON | Bucking the Obama administration, Supreme Court justices seemed to find little trouble Wednesday with major parts of Arizona's tough immigration law that require police to check the legal status of people they stop for other reasons.

But the fate of other provi-

republican-dominated states have passed their own restrictions out of frustration with what they call Washington's inaction to combat an illegal flood.

Parts of laws adopted by Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah also are on hold pending the high court's decision.

Civil rights groups say the Arizona law and those in some other states encourage racial profiling and ethnic stereotyping, and debate over such laws could have an impact on this fall's elections. More than 200 protesters gathered outside the court, most of them opposed

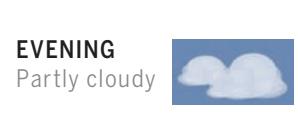
to the Arizona law.

However, in an unusual comment, Chief Justice John Roberts made clear at the outset of the administration's argument Wednesday that the court was looking only at state-versus-federal power, not the civil rights concerns that already are the subject of other lawsuits. "So this is not a case about ethnic profiling," Roberts said.

That matter dealt with, both liberal and conservative justices reacted skeptically to the administration's argument that the state exceeded

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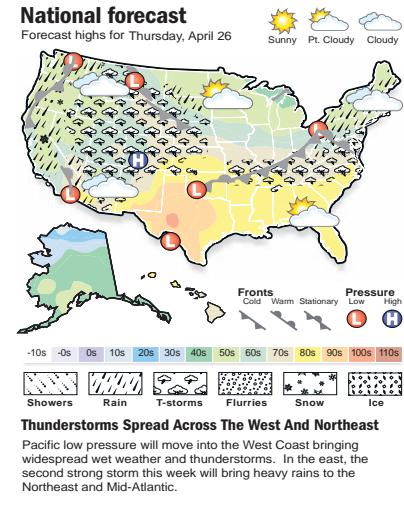
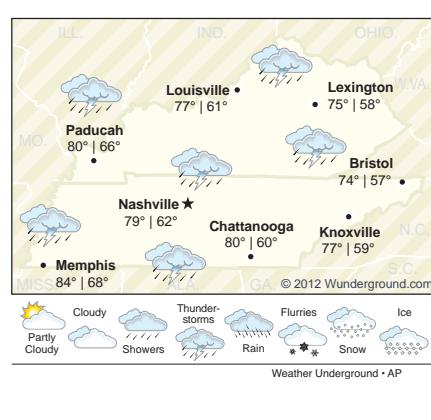
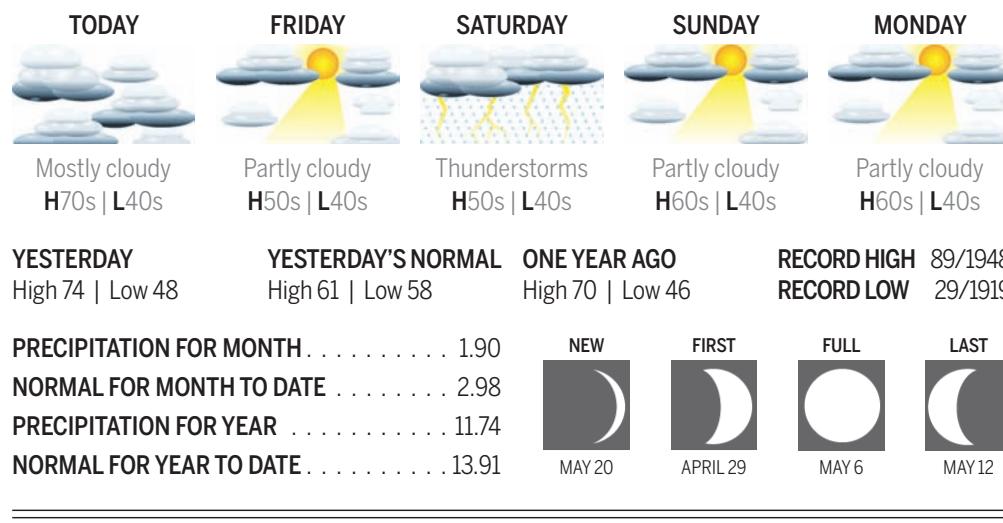
PONTOON BOAT SAYING:
The 150 lb., 450-million-year-old Godzillus fossil found in northern Kentucky may have been an early sponge-blob.

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RESIGN

FROM A1

"This option expired Nov. 16, 2011. I feel this left the village in jeopardy of legal repercussions," Foxworthy wrote.

The village has drilled two wells, as the first steps to building a new water plant. However, Aberdeen does not own the land yet, although Mineer said she will sell it.

Mineer maintains she owns the land and the land deed was recorded in the Brown County Recorders office in July 2011.

Mineer said she is unhappy the village drilled two wells on her land without paying for the

property.

In a letter to the mayor from Aberdeen members Jerry Applegate and Jay Castle and former members Hugh Hall and Robert Hutchison, the four said "We challenge the legality of the current mayor to question any issues that were not part of his official tenure in office..."

Those composing the letter said they disagreed with Foxworthy on every point of his letter.

The said council was aware Gossett represented Mineer, but it was not a potential conflict since the council had deferred the

water plant site and land appropriation to Artisan Consulting Group.

The consulting group withdrew working from the project after council temporary stopped work on the plant. Mineer said she had been negotiating with Artisan to sell her land for \$12,000 per acre. Now she is concerned she will be stuck with the land and the two wells.

Edward Kidston, Artisan's owner and water plant consultant, said in a council meeting last month he is concerned he will never be paid.

Other council members

have maintained Kidston and his crew will be paid.

Another point brought up in the letter to the village and Foxworthy claims Gossett has been receiving calls about the delays on the water plant.

The bond loan representatives are calling with concerns about breaching the contract with the water plant construction and the funds borrowed to pay for the water plant.

The four maintain the village has accepted the option to buy the land, as advised by Gossett.

"The village issued checks on the projects af-

ter the official option had supposedly expired.

Ms. Gossett informed the council that by their previous actions they had acted to accept the option," the letter states.

"Ms. Gossett did state that the village should proceed with the construction of the water plant and that the majority should not breach the contract," according to the letter.

Everything is at a standstill until council further discusses the matter at the next council meeting which is scheduled for May 7, at 7 p.m.

GUILTY

FROM A1

The two met when Colburn was teaching at Mason County High School, when Barnett was a student at the school.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Gary Adkins, who is prosecuting the case, Colburn entered a guilty plea

with terms of five years on the first-degree trafficking in controlled substance charge, and 12 months on the trafficking a legend drug (Viagra) charge. Adkins also said Colburn has agreed to testify in the case involving Barnett. Sentencing for Colburn has been set for July 6 in Fleming County Circuit Court.

Adkins said he will take Colburn's cooperation into consideration when

making a recommendation regarding probation at the time of sentencing.

The case against Barnett was also heard Friday, but continued due to a motion to suppress and to set a date certain for an evidentiary hearing filed by his attorney, Bruce McClure. The suppression hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on May 31.

Prior testimony by an agent with the Buf-

falo Trace/Gateway Area Narcotics Task Force on Feb. 2 in Fleming County District Court alleged Colburn had been diverting his oxycodone and methadone prescriptions to Barnett for more than a year.

Although Colburn was charged in the case, he wasn't arrested on Dec. 28 when task force agents conducted a traffic stop on his vehicle after obtaining

his prescription refills at a Flemingsburg pharmacy. Officials said at the time Colburn wasn't arrested because he cooperated with police.

Barnett was arrested on Dec. 28, after agents watched the alleged transaction between the two men in the parking lot of the pharmacy. Barnett was released on a \$1,000 bond the same day, but according to jailtracker.

com, on Feb. 8, he was again booked into the Mason County Detention Center. The reason for his incarceration at that time was a violation of his bond conditions, according to Jailer Gerald Curtis. He was released from MCDC on April 6 on a \$1,000 cash bond and monitored release. Barnett's trial is scheduled for June 18 in Fleming County Circuit Court.

CRANE

FROM A1

The trial had been stuttering along, with breaks

and recesses to discuss admissible evidence throughout Tuesday. Then, during the questioning of Dr. Gregory Wanger of St. Elizabeth-Fort Thomas Medical Examiner's Of-

fice, defense attorney Nick Ring objected that Wanger was not the actual person who performed the test for drugs on Christine Crane during the autopsy.

The drug test, which was reported to be an overdose of heroin as the cause of death, was performed by a forensic scientist at a separate company in Indiana, according to court reports.

Unlike the usual autopsy investigation in Ohio, the drug test was sent out to another laboratory company, which is normal procedure in Kentucky, according to court reports. It fell to the commonwealth's responsibility when Christine Crane was taken to Meadowview Regional Medical Center in Maysville

as emergency personal tried to revive. She was pronounced dead once arriving at the Maysville hospital, according to police reports.

The laboratory doctor will need to be subpoenaed, so Robert Crane can confront every witness against him, as is his right according to the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, Gusweiler told the attorneys.

When dealing with a constitutional right, it supersedes everything else being debated, Gusweiler said. After he reviewed more than a hundred pages of documents from prior cases about similar situations that were presented by the attorneys the day before, as well as listening to arguments from both sides Wednesday morning, he said he decided to reschedule the trial so the witness could be contacted to testify.

Gusweiler said it was in his opinion no one's fault. There was no intent to prejudice the defendant nor any preference intended. It is important the court is always fair and equal, he said.

The jury was in seclusion

in another room during the discussion between attorneys and the judge on Wednesday morning. After Gusweiler called the jury back into the courtroom, he told jurors they could not discuss with anyone about the trial and that they were not to read anything about it. They must base their decision, once the trial resumes, only on what they hear in the courtroom.

Brown County Prosecutor Jessica Little said after the court proceeding she was very pleased with a continuance from the judge.

"This is a novel issue to prove the defendant permitted drug abuse ... and corrupting his wife with drugs. It will be interesting to see how it plays," Little said.

Little said she has evidence to prove Crane caused his wife's death but wondered if the jury will see it as his responsibility and the cause of her death.

In her opening statement Tuesday, Little said she would prove Robert Crane knowingly provided his wife with heroin, so she would become addicted,

and therefore he would have power over her.

"It was all about power and control," Little said.

Christine Crane was trying to leave her husband, and he did not want her to leave, according to Little.

"We will make sure we have everything we can get from the lab ... it could be another couple weeks," Little said.

Ring told The Ledger Independent that he did not mention the lack of a subpoena for the laboratory doctor who performed the drug test before the trial, because it was not his burden to do so. He said it was his job to defend his client.

Ring said it was Little's prosecuting team who has the burden to subpoena the correct witness.

A pretrial is scheduled for Monday at 8:30 a.m. According to court reports, if the new witness is reached, the prosecutors' office should know what day the trial can be continued and announced it then.

Robert Crane remains incarcerated in the Brown County Detention Center under a \$500,000 bond.

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FOR LEWIS COUNTY

Three projects funded under two-year road plan

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FRANKFORT | While Mason, Fleming and Bracken counties have received a total of \$69 million for road projects, Lewis County will see only \$5.8 million of the two-year transportation budget passed last week in Frankfort.

State Rep. Jill York, R-Grayson provided a list of the projects that will receive funding over the next two years.

• Funding in the amount of \$450,000 for fiscal year 2013 has been allocated for design work related to a bridge replacement project on Kentucky 8 over Kinnicinnick Creek near Dudley Avenue.

• A bridge replacement project on Browns Run Road over Cabin Creek will receive \$350,000 in fiscal year 13 for design work and \$60,000 in fiscal year 2014 for right-of-way and utility relocation work.

• The largest project to receive funding in the county is the construction of a new bridge crossing the north fork of the Licking River at the Lewis-Fleming County line on Kentucky 57. Design work is estimated at \$500,000 in 2013 with the actual price of construction at \$4.5 million for fiscal year 2014.

York noted in an email to The Ledger Independent that projects in counties represented by powerful House Democrats

who helped craft the two-year road plan, received a much larger share of the funds, despite having smaller populations and land density as Lewis County.

"We can look to the home counties of Speaker Stumbo and Majority Leader Adkins, of Floyd and Elliott, respectively. As reported elsewhere in the media, their "take" from the plan that they crafted...was Floyd, \$95 million; Elliott \$41 million," said York.



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In this April 20 photo, amateur paleontologist Ron Fine, of Dayton, Ohio, discusses the fossil he discovered with Carl Brett, center, and David Meyer, professors of Geology at the University of Cincinnati, at Caster Library on the campus in Cincinnati. Experts in the U.S. are trying to figure out what the 450 million-year-old fossil dubbed "Godzillus" used to be. The 150-pound fossil recovered last year in Kentucky is more than 6 feet long.

Ohio man's fossil find in Kentucky stumps experts

LARGE FOSSIL SAID TO BE 450 MILLION YEARS OLD

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio | Experts are trying to figure out what a fossil dubbed "Godzillus" used to be.

The 150-pound fossil recovered last year in northern Kentucky is more than 6 feet long and 3 feet wide. To the untrained eye, it looks like a bunch of rocks or a concrete blob. Experts are trying to determine whether it was an animal, mineral or a form of plant life from a time when the Cincinnati region was underwater.

Scientists at a Geological

Society of America meeting viewed it Tuesday at the Dayton Convention Center in Ohio.

"We are looking for people who might have an idea of what it is," said Ben Dattilo, an assistant professor of geology at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Scientists say the fossil is 450 million years old. University of Cincinnati geologist Carl Brett said it's the largest fossil ever extracted from that era in the Cincinnati region.

"This is the ultimate cold case," said Ron Fine, the Day-

ton, Ohio, amateur paleontologist who spotted the fossil on a hillside last year and gave it its name.

"Like Godzilla, it's a primordial beast that found its way to the modern era," Fine said. Now 43, he's been collecting fossils since age 4, and said he saw part of this one on a hillside off Kentucky 17 nearly a year ago.

"Most fossils around here are small, the size of your thumbnail or your thumb," he said. "This thing's huge."

He said it could be an early form of seaweed or kelp.

"This one has us stumped," said David Meyer, another UC geology professor. Fine shared his find last September at a meeting of the Dry Dredgers, a group of amateur geologists.

Meyer, who wrote a book called "A Sea Without Fish" about the era, said the fossil has intricate patterns that remind him of "goose flesh. Some of its surface also looks like scales. But this thing is not boney. It is not a fish."

He guesses it could have been something like a sponge.

"Cincinnati was covered by a sea, 100 to 200 feet deep," Meyer said. "Primitive shellfish lived in it. But no fish."

Judge: Ky. must consider single drug executions

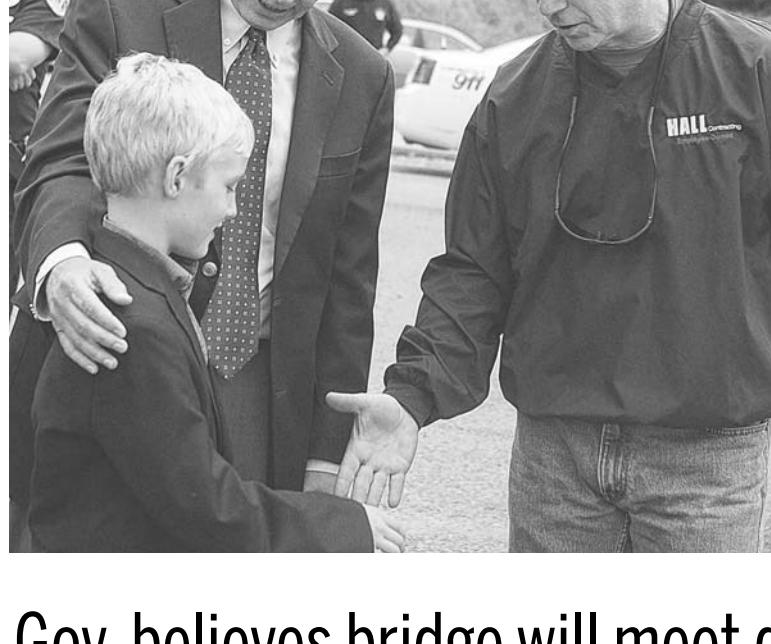
GIVES STATE 90 DAYS TO WEIGH CHANGE

BRETT BARROUQUERE

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE | Kentucky must either switch to a single drug to perform executions within 90 days or prepare to go to trial on the claims of death row inmates challenging the state's three-drug method of carrying out capital punishment, a judge ruled Wednesday.

In a long-awaited order, Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd wrote that the state's three-drug method may no longer be necessary now that other states have successfully used a single drug to execute condemned inmates and shown that



Nicholas Beshear, left, reaches to shake hands with Tom Roberts, vice president of Hall Contracting, right, as Beshear's grandfather, Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, supervises the exchange Tuesday, at the Eddyville Port Authority near Eddyville. The governor brought Nicholas, 9, to western Kentucky for several stops on his schedule Tuesday.

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Gov. believes bridge will meet deadline

Associated Press

EDDYVILLE | Gov. Steve Beshear has stopped by to check on progress in repairing the Eggner's Ferry Bridge.

The Paducah Sun reported Beshear was in Eddyville Tuesday to see how a steel truss is being assembled to replace one that was knocked down by a ship in January.

The contractor is putting the span to-

gether at the Lyon County Riverport. It will be taken by barge to the bridge and hoisted into position by cranes.

The bridge carries about 3,000 vehicles per day between Aurora and the Land Between the Lakes federal reserve. It spans Kentucky Lake.

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CRASH CLAIMS LIFE OF AREA TEEN

MAYSVILLE | A single vehicle accident on the Clyde T. Barbour Parkway has claimed the life of 18-year-old Charles A. Huron, of Maysville.

According to a press release from the Maysville Police Department, the accident occurred around 8:12 p.m., Tuesday. The caller to the 911 Emergency Dispatch Center indicated a vehicle left the roadway near the William Harsha Bridge.

According to officials, the 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Huron left the roadway and struck a large metal light pole.

Huron was taken from the scene by Maysville EMS to Meadowview Regional Medical Center, and then transferred to University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Huron died as a result of his injuries Wednesday.

The accident is under investigation by MPD Officer Micah Amstutz. — LI

OHIO DAD ACCUSED OF CAGING DAUGHTER PLEADS GUILTY

CINCINNATI | A man accused of duct-taping his 12-year-old daughter, putting her in a dog cage and threatening to electrify it has pleaded guilty to attempted unlawful restraint in southwest Ohio.

A court official in Cincinnati says 41-year-old James Tapke (TAP'-kee) of Springfield Township was sentenced to 30 days in jail after pleading guilty to the misdemeanor charge on Tuesday.

Authorities said he shut his daughter in the cage Jan. 10 as punishment after restraining her hands and feet with the duct tape.

The prosecutor's office has said the girl spent only minutes in the cage and was not injured.

Tapke's attorney said Tapke claimed it was a joke that got out of hand.

The girl lives with her paternal grandparents and Tapke has no custody rights. — AP

MOVEMENT SEEN ON HILL WHERE OHIO BOULDER CRASHED

ATHENS, Ohio | Officials monitoring the southeast Ohio hillside where a massive boulder crushed a car say a tree there has moved several inches but they don't believe there's an immediate threat of another rockslide.

Monitoring pins were installed in the hill after a boulder weighing roughly 100 tons crashed onto a car and damaged a home, utility poles, a water line and other vehicles in Athens last month.

The Athens Messenger reports the man who owns the property has asked the city to take control of the hillside but hasn't received a response. Michael Weiser says the city is better equipped with resources to handle maintenance of the property.

The city's service-safety director says removing the boulder and fixing the damaged water line cost the city about \$24,000. — AP

CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL EXPANDS RESEARCH FACILITIES

CINCINNATI | A new \$180 million facility will help Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center expand links between research and real-life medicine.

The hospital says construction on the clinical sciences building will begin this summer, and the 15-story tower is expected to be ready in 2015. The hospital will hire up to 100 new research faculty over the next five years.

The hospital employs some 12,650 people currently, with an annual budget of \$1.7 billion. It serves a large geographic region, with treatment facilities in Butler, Clermont, and Warren counties and in northern Kentucky, besides the main campus in Cincinnati. The hospital has treated children from around the globe. — AP



TERRY PRATHER, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

YIELDING RIGHT-OF-WAY | Locomotives wait on a siding for an eastbound train to pass near the Maysville depot.

Kasich tax plan absent from Ohio House budget bill

OHIO HOUSE SET TO VOTE ON GOVERNOR'S BUDGET BILL, STRIPPED OF HIS SIGNATURE OIL, GAS TAX HIKE

JULIE CARR SMYTH
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio | The Ohio House moved closer to a vote Wednesday on a sweeping package of spending and policy initiatives spearheaded by Gov. John Kasich, after stripping out his signature tax provision on oil and gas.

Kasich's fellow Republicans in the House opted to pull the proposal for more study.

It calls for increasing Ohio's severance tax on oil and gas production by 4 percent and spending the revenue on income-tax relief. The governor continued to fight for its inclusion, however.

A House vote was scheduled Wednesday

afternoon on the midterm budget bill after dozens of committee changes were made Tuesday. The changes included pulling from the bill a provision that sent Planned Parenthood to the back of the line for federal funding, but keeping a provision that establishes state trooper authority in privately owned correctional facilities.

Kasich's administration took the unusual step of crafting the bill outside the normal two-year budget cycle, as a way to move forward with policy initiatives the governor launched last year after taking office.

The measure headed to the House floor over the objections of local government and school groups

that wanted to see the spending plan send more state revenue to police, fire and school district coffers hit by an earlier round of budget cuts. To that end, Democrats sought to create a revolving Kids and Communities First Fund, but were unsuccessful.

Under the Democrats' proposal, Kids and Communities First would initially be funded by projected surplus tax revenue and dollars from the state's rainy-day fund then, as an ongoing money source, be funded from Kasich's proposed tax hike on oil and gas extraction.

Kasich wants to hike oil and gas extraction taxes to 4 percent in two or three years. Energy companies swarming the state in search of new natural gas

and oil resources in the Marcellus and Utica shale plays would have the option to waive the tax to offset startup costs. Income tax reductions would begin in 2015, and deepen as proceeds rose.

The oil and gas industry opposes the tax increase as a deterrent to industry growth that Kasich is counting on to improve the state's economy.

But the governor has dismissed their concerns, saying they can't get to the oil and gas unless they come to Ohio.

GOP House leaders spun dozens of additional Kasich proposals into separate bills that are pending in committees.

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"well-established alternatives" exist for Kentucky.

The ruling comes about 20 months after Shepherd halted all executions in Kentucky. He imposed the ban after inmates challenged the three-drug method. Their lawsuit asked whether the state's rules for carrying out a lethal injection prohibited the use of a single drug and if there were adequate safeguards against executing a mentally ill inmate.



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If Kentucky sticks with a three-drug method, Shepherd wrote, the challenge by the inmates will be allowed to go to trial. If Kentucky adopts a new regulation allowing for a one-drug execution, similar to what is done in Arizona, Ohio and other states, any claims of cruel and unusual punishment by the inmates "will be rendered moot."

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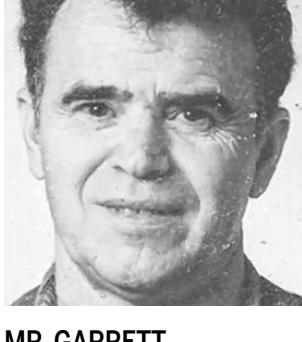
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DEATHS LOCALLY



MR. GARRETT

RIPLEY, Ohio | Thomas Ray Garrett, 67, of Ripley, died Tuesday, April 24, 2012, near Ripley.

Mr. Garrett was born June 9, 1944, in Lewis County, the son of the late Willie and Ester (Mason) Garrett.

He was an United States Army Vietnam War veteran, an assembler at Walmart in Maysville, a member of the Ripley Life Squad for 27 years, a member of the F and AM Union Lodge No. 71 in Ripley, a member of the VFW in Maysville, a member of the Courts-Fussnecker American Legion Post No. 367 of Ripley and he attended the First Southern Baptist Church in Ripley.

Mr. Garrett is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Connie (Lightner) Garrett; two daughters, Anita Farrow and husband, Mark of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Cebrina Whitcomb and husband, Mark of Lexington; one son, Anthony Garrett and wife, Maryah of Ripley; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild on the way; three sisters, Alice Cummins and husband, Donnie of Brooksville, Connie Sue Garrett of Flemingsburg, and Linda Rice and husband, Jeff of Lexington; two brothers, Wendell Garrett of Indianapolis, Ind., and Fred Garrett and wife, Terri of Flemingsburg; two sisters-in-law, Glenna Garrett

of Brooksville, and Angie Garrett of Lewis County; one brother-in-law, Richard Tetrick of Florida; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, George, Billy and Jim Garrett; and one sister, Edna Tetrick.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Cahall Funeral Home in Ripley. Rev. Doug Brown will officiate.

Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2012, at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Red Oak Cemetery near Ripley, with Military Honors being provided by the Courts-Fussnecker American Legion Post No. 367 of Ripley.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.ca-hallfuneralhomes.com.

MR. MCCRACKEN

AUGUSTA | Donald K. McCracken Jr., 67, of Brooksville, died April 23, 2012, at Brooksville.

He was born Feb. 19, 1945, in Bracken County to the late Donald K. McCracken Sr. and Christine Haley McCracken.

He was a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Bracken County. Donald was a farmer.

He is survived by a sister, Bonnie McCann of Harrison, Ohio; one niece, Heather Dawn Hayes; one nephew, Brian Ashley McCann; two great-nieces, Haley Hayes and Hanna McCann; one great-nephew, Braydon Hayes; one uncle, Leo Haley; and one special cousin, Kathy Dorn.

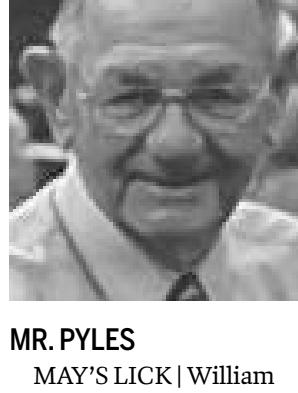
Services 3 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2012, at Metcalfe-Hennessey Funeral Home in Augusta.

Burial will follow in the Mount Zion Cemetery.

Visitation will be Friday, April 27, 2012, at 2-3 p.m. at the funeral home in Augusta.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of Hope, 909 Kenton Station Drive, Maysville, Ky. 41056.

Condolences to www.mhfuneralhome.com.



MR. PYLES

MAY'S LICK | William E. "Billy" Pyles, 84, a well-known farmer of May's Lick, Ky., passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Meadowview Regional Medical Center.

Billy was born in Maysville on Sept. 10, 1927, son of the late Eugene Pyles and Ruth Stafford Pyles McCord.

He was a member of the May's Lick Christian Church, a current member of the May's Lick Cemetery Board and a former member of the May's Lick Lions Club, Maysville Southern States Board and Mason County Farm Bureau Board. He was an avid and recognized toy tractor collector.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Mary Ethel Collins Pyles; three daughters, Jean Ann (Whitney) Wallingford of Lexington,

Nancye (Chuck) Fritz and Billie Gwynne (Jerry) Barbour, both of Maysville;

three brothers, John Pyles and Eddie McCord, both of Maysville, and Dean McCord of Marietta, Ga.; eight grandchildren, Whitney Wallingford Adams, William Nicholas Wallingford, Ashley Sapp Kirk, Jessica Fritz, Dr. Adam Pyles Zeigler, Jera Barbour Case and Johnny Barbour; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Roberta Kinner; a brother, Phillip McCord; and a son-in-law, Jeff Zeigler.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 28, 2012 at May's Lick Christian Church.

Burial will follow in the May's Lick Cemetery. Pallbearers are William Nicholas Wallingford, Dr. Adam Pyles Zeigler, John Collins, Danny Collins, Larry Kinner and Duggie Adamson.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m., Friday at the church.

Memorials are suggested to May's Lick Christian Church or May's Lick Cemetery.

Palmer Funeral Home of May's Lick is serving the family. www.palmerfuneralhome.net

MR. RUDD

ELIZAVILLE | Emmett Lee Rudd, of Lexington, and formerly of Nepton, died April 24, 2012, at the Edgemont Healthcare Center in Cynthiana.

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Kenneth H. Allen
Sr. — 11 a.m., Boone-Nickell Funeral Home, Flemingsburg.

Rhonda W. Rigidon Carter — 1 p.m., Lafferty Funeral Home, West Union, Ohio.

Donald K. McCracken Jr. — 3 p.m., Metcalfe-Hennessey Funeral Home, Augusta.

Emmett Lee Rudd — 11 a.m., Elizaville Christian Church, Elizaville.

SATURDAY

Thomas Ray Garrett — 11 a.m., Cahall Funeral Home, Ripley, Ohio.

William E. Pyles — 11 a.m., May's Lick Christian Church, May's Lick.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Donald Gene Cofer

— 2 p.m., Winchester Church of Christ in Christian Union, Winchester, Ohio.

THURSDAY

Earl Clay Sanders — 2 p.m., Grace Baptist Church, Flemingsburg.

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DEATHS ELSEWHERE

IRISH ARTIST LOUIS LE BROCQUY DIES IN DUBLIN AT 95

DUBLIN | Irish expressionist painter Louis le Brocquy, who was best known for abstract portraits of Ireland's literary and artistic stars, died Wednesday. He was 95.

Irish President Michael D. Higgins praised le Brocquy's work as "amongst this country's most valuable cultural assets."

His family said he died in his Dublin home with his wife of 54 years, the artist Anne Madden, at his side. The cause of death was not announced, but he had been ill for the past year.

Born in Dublin in 1916, le Brocquy traveled widely in Europe throughout his seven-decade career and was an accomplished

painter in oil and watercolors, an illustrator, lithographer, sculptor and tapestry maker.

His best-known works regularly commanded six-figure prices at auctions over the past two decades, reflecting his status as Ireland's greatest living painter.

In the late 1930s he studied art in London and Venice, settled in the French Riviera, but fled back to Ireland to avoid Nazi occupation in 1940.

His first major paintings in 1945-47 were Cubist portraits of Ireland's often-demanded Gypsy community, the travellers, produced during his frequent trips into the rural west of Ireland.

His work wasn't initially

appreciated in his conservative homeland.

He became well-known in the 1950s and 1960s for his portraits of Ireland's literary and artistic stars, including James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Seamus Heaney, and others.

He died in Dublin on April 24,

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Villa Georgetown, in Georgetown, Ohio met all of the above criteria and was presented with the 2010 Clinical Indicator Achievement Award at the Covenant Care Annual Awards held on February 18, 2011. Accepting the award for Villa Georgetown, was Greg Stout, Executive Director Along with Missy Dotson, Director of Nursing for Villa Georgetown By winning this prestigious company award, Villa Georgetown, continues to demonstrate Covenant Care's commitment to quality care for its residents and staff.

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APPLE'S BLOWOUT QUARTER PROPELS NASDAQ TO BIG GAIN

NEW YORK | The Nasdaq composite index shot 2 percent higher Wednesday, powered by a surge in Apple. The iPhone maker's stock climbed more than \$50 after the company once again blew past Wall Street's profit forecasts.

The technology-focused Nasdaq was headed for one of its best days this year.

Apple, by far the biggest component of the index, climbed 8 percent after reporting that its earnings doubled from January through March. The company sold 35 million iPhones, twice as many as in the same quarter a year ago.

The surge made back about half of what Apple lost in the two weeks before its earnings announcement late Tuesday. One reason for the slump was an analyst's suggestion that Apple could not keep up the momentum in iPhone sales.

Stock in Apple, the most valuable public company in the world, hit \$644 in intraday trading on April 10. It slid as low as \$555 on Tuesday. In afternoon trading Wednesday, it was up \$50 at \$610.

The gain helped power the Nasdaq up 62 points to 3,024. Apple makes up 12 percent of the Nasdaq, the biggest component by far.

The Nasdaq rose more than other market indexes thanks to its heavy weighting of Apple shares. The Nasdaq was up 2.1 percent versus gains of 1.2 percent in the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index of large U.S. companies and 0.6 percent for the Dow Jones industrial average. The S&P 500 includes Apple; the Dow doesn't.

The Dow was up 76 points to 13,077. The S&P 500 rose 17 points to 1,389. Apple makes up about 4 percent of the S&P 500.

Financial markets barely budged after the Federal Reserve said it would stick with its plan to keep a key short-term interest rate near zero. The Fed detailed no plans to extend its bond-buying program when the current iteration ends in June.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note edged higher following the Fed's announcement. Gold prices fell and the dollar rose slightly against other currencies. Stock indexes stayed where they were. —AP

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All applicants must bring Social Security

numbers, birth dates, verification of all household income for the previous month and a recent metered utility bill. Each person must complete their own application. This is a one day only. A limited number of vouchers will be available and will be given on a first come, first

serve basis. For more information contact Lynn Embleton at 606-564-8389.

This project if funded in part under a contract with the Cabinet with funds from the Community Block Grant of the United Department of Health and Human Services.

Company scraps offshore liquid gas plan

WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. | A company that proposed building a liquefied natural gas terminal off the central New Jersey coast has withdrawn its application, saying it will start over on a new plan in the future.

Liberty Natural Gas LLC had applied to the federal Maritime Administration and the Coast Guard to build a facility 16 miles off Asbury Park.

But Gov. Chris Christie vetoed the plan in February 2011, saying it was too risky to the state's crucial tourism and fishing industries.

The company kept

pressing forward with the plan. But in an April 10 letter to regulators, it noted it had made so many changes to the proposal that a new application would be needed.

"This is a victory for the ocean and for the thousands of citizens and scores of organizations that fought for five years against this wrong proposal," said Cindy Zipf, executive director of the Clean Ocean Action environmental group. "With Governor Christie's firm opposition, this project was dead in the water. It is about time they faced reality and withdrew (or) terminated the project. It's over for now, but they are lurking and may be

back."

Indeed, the company made clear it still plans to move forward with a new version of the proposal at some point.

"Liberty completely redesigned its project, including by scaling down its size from four buoys to two, eliminating the onshore pipeline, changing the project location and configuration to site the project exclusively offshore, and redesigning its construction and techniques to substantially reduce seabed impacts," the company wrote in its letter to regulators.

Because it had made so many changes to its initial application, Liberty withdrew it and intends to submit a new one once surveys and plans are completed.

Liberty's plan was the last of three proposed offshore gas projects in New Jersey waters to remain under consideration. ExxonMobil had proposed a floating gas terminal called BlueOcean Energy about 20 miles off the coast of Manasquan, and The Atlantic Sea Island Group wanted to build a 63-acre artificial island nearly 20 miles off Sandy Hook for a liquefied natural gas port called "Safe Harbor Energy."

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CINCINNATI 4, SAN FRANCISCO 2



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Cincinnati Reds second baseman Brandon Phillips, left, tries to tag out San Francisco Giants' Melky Cabrera, who stole second base in the first inning on Wednesday, in Cincinnati. The Reds rallied with four runs in the seventh inning to win 4-2.

Rolen home run leads Reds past Giants

CINCY SCORES FOUR IN 7TH

JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI | Scott Rolen's homer started a four-run rally in the seventh inning that swept the Cincinnati Reds to a 4-2 victory Wednesday night, extending the San Francisco Giants' misery at Great Ameri-

can Ball Park.

Rolen's first homer since July 6 ended Barry Zito's shutout and got into the Giants' bullpen, which let the game get away on a rain-slicked field.

Clay Hensley (1-2) threw wildly for an error after slipping as he fielded a bunt. Jeremy Affeldt's wild pitch allowed

the go-ahead run to score.

It was another miserable game for the Giants at Great American, where they've dropped seven straight and 12 of 16. Zito remains winless there in six starts.

Jose Arredondo (2-0) had one perfect inning. Sean Marshall pitched the ninth and remained perfect in four save chances.

The Reds have won five of

their last six overall.

Before the game, the Giants put Aubrey Huff on the 15-day disabled list while he gets treatment for an anxiety attack. Huff left the team after having a tough time in a game on Saturday. He could rejoin the team in San Francisco next weekend.

See ROLEN, A8

BRACKEN COUNTY 9, ST. PATRICK 2

Houston powers Bracken past St. Patrick

POLAR BEARS WIN RAIN-SHORTENED GAME

BRAD LAUX
For The Ledger Independent

The overcast skies made the possibility of getting the Bracken County-St. Patrick baseball game somewhat ominous. But, it was the bat of Jacob Houston that proved to be the true rainmaker.

The Bracken County catcher hit a pair of home runs in helping lead his team to a 9-2 victory in a 39th District contest at the Tom Browning Boys' and Girls' Club.

The rains did eventually come in the top of the fourth inning, forcing the game to be called after five complete frames, but not before Houston was able to do his damage.

"We've been working with him and he's really bought into how to put the bat on the center of the ball, maintain his balance and swing through the ball," Bracken County coach Scooter Charles said. "When you're not looking to hit a

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Seven closers land on MLB disabled lists



In this March 14 photo, San Francisco Giants relief pitcher Brian Wilson throws to the Cleveland Indians during a spring training game in Scottsdale, Ariz. Wilson is one of seven closers who have landed on the disabled list already this season.

HIGH-RISK JOB OUT OF BULLPEN

JOE KAY
Associated Press

Matt Capps made a fist and superstitiously tapped the wooden side of his locker in the Twins clubhouse. He's gotten through the opening weeks of the season unscathed.

Given the way closers are getting hurt these days, that's something.

"The shelf life is short enough in baseball as it is, but you look at the closer position and it gets even shorter sometimes," Capps said. "You just have to hope for the best."

Seven closers haven't been so fortunate, landing on the disabled list already this sea-

son. Some, like Cincinnati's Ryan Madson and Kansas City's Joakim Soria, blew out their elbows before the season began.

It's a painful reminder that getting those last three outs can be dangerous stuff.

Between a third and a half of major league closers typically get hurt during a season, according to STATS LLC. The seven closers on the DL before May 1 are the most since 2008, when seven also got hurt before the end of April.

And when the closer is gone, he can be very difficult to replace.

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GREYHOUNDS BLANK AUGUSTA, 11-0

The Manchester Greyhounds went on the road on Wednesday to Augusta and returned back to Ohio with an 11-0 win in five innings over the Panthers.

The Hounds' Brad Adkins allowed just two hits (a triple to Wyatt Thorpe and a single to Clay Krebs) during his stint on the mound. Adkins struck out 11 and did issue a base on balls.

Manchester's Kyle Adams banged out a double, a pair of singles and scored three times in three at-bats to lead the Hounds' offense, which scored nine runs in the first inning.

Dylan Ricketts and Marshall Spencer each had two hits and Chase Rader scored twice and added a three-base hit for the Hounds. — LI

EX-BENGALS PLAYER CONVICTED OF OHIO SEX CHARGES

CINCINNATI | Former Bengals linebacker Nate Webster was convicted Wednesday of sex-related charges involving the teenage daughter of a former assistant coach for the Cincinnati team.

A jury in Cincinnati found Webster, 34, guilty of four counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. Jurors found him not guilty of three other charges: gross sexual imposition, sexual battery and a fifth count of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor.

Prosecutors say Webster had sexual contact with the girl in 2009 when she was 15 and threatened to harm her if she told anyone. Webster admits having sex with the girl the next year, when she was 16, the legal age of consent in Ohio, but denies that the sexual relations began earlier than that.

The prosecutor's office said Webster could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.

Webster played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 2000-03 and for the Bengals in 2004-05. — AP

BENGALS K NUGENT SIGNS ONE-YEAR OFFER

CINCINNATI | Kicker Mike Nugent signed his one-year tender offer as the Cincinnati Bengals' franchise player on Wednesday.

Nugent recovered from knee surgery and set team records with 132 points and 33 field goals last season, helping the Bengals to a wild card playoff spot. He was an unrestricted free agent after the season, but the Bengals used their franchise tag on him March 2. Coach Marvin Lewis said the team will continue negotiating on a multiyear deal with Nugent.

Nugent is an eighth-year player out of Ohio State. The team voted him as its 2011 Ed Block Courage Award winner after he came back from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, suffered in the second half of the 2010 season. — AP

NORTHWESTERN ADDS SWOPSHIRE, OLAH

EVANSTON, Ill. | Northwestern has added Louisville transfer Jared Swopshire and incoming freshman Alex Olah for next season.

Swopshire averaged 3.3 points and 2.8 rebounds as a senior last season after sitting out the previous year because of a groin injury that required surgery. He is graduating this spring and is transferring because Louisville does not have an open scholarship available. He will be eligible to play next season.

A 7-foot center from Romania, Olah helped lead Traders Point Christian Academy to two consecutive Indiana Christian Schools state championships. He averaged 18.5 points, 13.1 rebounds and 4.6 blocks as a senior. Olah also led Romania in scoring, blocked shots and rebounding at the 2011 FIBA U18 European Championship in Bulgaria. — AP

ROLEN

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Pablo Sandoval singled in the third inning, giving him a hit in each of the first 18 games. That matches Johnny Rucker's mark with the 1945 New York Giants for best season-opening streak in franchise history.

Neither team did much through the first six innings, when a steady rain forced the grounds crew to spread bags of drying material around the infield at each changeover.

Angel Pagan hit a solo homer in the third off Bronson Arroyo, giving him a 10-game hitting streak that matches his career high. Arroyo lasted five innings, giving up at least one hit in each of them. He allowed nine in all and one walk, but escaped with only two runs — one earned.

Until Wednesday night, Zito has struggled at Great American, going 0-2 in five starts with 7.20 ERA. The left-hander allowed only four singles through six shutout innings, then left after giving up Rolen's leadoff homer in the sev-

enth.

Hensley, who hadn't allowed an earned run this season, gave up a single by Ryan Ludwick and set up the Reds' go-ahead runs with a slip. He nearly lost his footing while fielding Ryan Hanigan's bunt, then threw wildly to first.

Drew Stubbs' walk loaded the bases, and Wilson Valdez's sacrifice fly tied it. Affeldt threw a wild pitch that let in another run, and Joey Votto doubled for a 4-2 lead.

NOTES: The Reds swept a three-game series from the Giants at Great

American last July.... Ryan Vogelsong starts the final game of the series for SF. He's 2-3 career against the Reds with a 5.40 ERA.... Homer Bailey starts for the Reds, looking for his second straight win. He went a season-high seven innings in a 9-4 win in Chicago on Friday.... The Giants filled Huff's spot by calling up infielder Joaquin Arias from Triple-A Fresno, where he batted .400.... Sandoval hit in 22 straight games last season, a career best.... Sandoval hit a foul ball that cleared the stadium roof on the first base side.

FLEMING

FROM A7

Meanwhile, the Panthers got on the board in each of their turns at the plate.

Travis Taylor led off the bottom of the first with an infield single deep in the hole between second and third and advanced to second base on a pickoff attempt by Bath County sophomore right-hander Jordan Highley. Taylor proceeded to third on a wild pitch and scored on another wild pitch for the first run of the game.

Fleming County came up with another run in the second inning after two were out. Ryan Monroe singled to center field, went to second on Taylor's second infield hit, to third on a wild pitch and scored on error. The Wildcats committed an error in each of the first three innings, while the Panthers were mistake-free in the field when the rain began.

In the third inning, Fleming County sent nine batters to the plate and scored three times. With one out, Brady Saunders beat out an infield single to shortstop

and went all the way to third base when Highley threw wildly to first base on an attempted pickoff. Saunders scored on Heath Burnett's base hit to left field before Highley walked Cole Clark. Clark would be the last batter Highley would face as Bath County coach Brock Baber brought in sophomore right-hander Broderick Moore to face Monroe, who greeted the sophomore right-hander with a base hit to left to load the bases. Moore walked Taylor to force in a run before Cody Stewart hit a line shot directly at the third baseman for

the second out. Bryson McKee followed with a line-drive single to left to plate Clark with the third run of the frame.

The Panthers are scheduled to meet Boone County in the Harrison Memorial Hospital/McDonald's Classic in Cynthiana at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday in their next game but the weather forecast is not promising.

Bath County 000
Fleming County 113
Partial game statistics:
Hitting leaders: BC-Fryman 1-2.
FC-Taylor 2-2, R; RBI: McKee 1-3, RBI; Fawns 1-3; McAdams 1-2; Saunders 1-2, R; Burnett 2-2, R; RBI: Clark R; Monroe 2-2, R.

RANGERS BEAT YANKEES 7-3 FOR 6TH SERIES WIN IN ROW

ARLINGTON, Texas | Adrian Beltre hit a long home run and had a pair of RBI singles as the Texas Rangers beat the New York Yankees 7-3 Wednesday night, winning their sixth consecutive series to start a season for the first time in franchise history.

Mike Napoli and Mitch Moreland also homered for the two-time defending AL champion Rangers (15-4), who have the best record in the majors.

Texas was ahead to stay after Beltre led off the second against Phil Hughes (1-3) with his third homer, a 441-foot drive that landed high on the grassy hill in straightaway center field. Beltre's first run-scoring single came an inning later when Texas added three more runs.

Rookie Robbie Ross (4-0) worked 2 2-3 perfect innings in relief of spot starter Scott Feldman.—AP



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Fleming County vs. Boone County at Harrison County, 5:30	Highlands at Bracken County, 6
Villa Madonna at Bracken County, 5:30	Menifee County at Fleming County, 6
Deming at Nicholas County, 5:30	Manchester at Ripley, 5
Lewis County at Morgan County, 6	Lynchburg-Clay at Georgetown, 4:30
Manchester at Ripley, 5	West Union at North Adams, 5
Lynchburg-Clay at Georgetown, 4:30	Eastern Brown at Fairfield, 5

TENNIS
Mason County at Campbell County (All times p.m. and subject to change)

SPORTS ON TV

Thursday, April 26

AUTO RACING	MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
7 p.m.	8 p.m.
SPEED — NASCAR, K&N Pro Series, at Richmond, Va.	MLB — Regional coverage, Boston at Chicago White Sox or Toronto at Baltimore (7 p.m. start)
COLLEGE SOFTBALL	WGN — Boston at Chicago White Sox
7 p.m.	NBA BASKETBALL
ESPN2 — Texas at Texas A&M	8 p.m.
CYCLING	TNT — New York at Charlotte
5 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Tour de Romandie, stage 2, Montbeliard, France to Moutier, Switzerland (same-day tape)	TNT — San Antonio at Golden State
GOLF	NFL FOOTBALL
9 a.m.	8 p.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Ballantine's Championship, first round, at Seoul, South Korea (same-day tape)	ESPN — Draft, first round, at New York
12:30 p.m.	NHL HOCKEY
TGC — LPGA, Mobile Bay Classic, first round, at Prattville, Ala.	7 p.m.
3 p.m.	NBCSN — Playoffs, conference quarter-finals, game 7, New Jersey at Florida (joined in progress after the completion of the Ottawa-Rangers game)

MLB STANDINGS

National League					AMERICAN LEAGUE								
East		Central		West		East		Central		West			
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Washington	14	4	.778	—	Baltimore	11	7	.611	—	Tampa Bay	11	7	.611
Atlanta	11	7	.611	3	New York	10	8	.556	1	Chicago	10	8	.556
New York	10	8	.556	4	Toronto	10	8	.556	1	Boston	6	10	.375
Philadelphia	9	10	.474	5½	Boston	6	10	.375	4	Central	W	Pct	GB
Miami	7	10	.412	6½	Cleveland	9	7	.563	—	Chicago	10	8	.556
					Detroit	10	8	.556	—	Seattle	7	10	.556
					Minneapolis	5	13	.278	5	Tampa Bay	5	12	.500
					Kansas City	4	14	.222	6	Los Angeles	15	4	.789
					West	W	L	Pct	GB	Oakland	10	10	.500
					St. Louis	12	7	.632	—	Seattle	7	10	.556
					Cincinnati	9	9	.500	2½	Baltimore	2	10	.100
					Milwaukee	9	10	.474	3	Toronto	5	13	.278
					Pittsburgh	8	10	.444	3½	Tampa Bay	5	12	.500
					Houston	7	12	.368	5	Los Angeles	15	4	.789
					Chicago	6	13	.316	6½	Oakland	10	10	.500
										Seattle	9	10	.474
										Los Angeles	6	12	.333

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 4	Cleveland 4, Kansas City 3
N.Y. Mets 2, Miami 1	Seattle 7, Detroit 4
Cincinnati 9, San Francisco 2	Baltimore 2, Toronto 1
Chicago Cubs 3, St. Louis 2, 10 innnings	Tampa Bay 5, L.A. Angels 0</

CLOSERS

FROM A7

"There's something about the last three outs that's tough to get," Reds manager Dusty Baker said.

Since 2000, there have been seven years when 10 or more closers went on the disabled list at least one time, according to STATS. The most were in 2008, when 15 closers were sidelined for some time. Last year, 14 closers went on the DL.

Most often, injuries to closers involve the elbow — roughly 45 percent, according to STATS. There have been plenty of those already this season at an eye-opening rate: Madson, Soria and San Francisco's Brian Wilson needed Tommy John surgery; Washington's Drew Storen had a bone chip removed from his elbow; Tampa Bay's Kyle Farnsworth has a strained elbow.

Several set-up guys also have blown out their elbows. Like Wilson, Oakland's Joey Devine has had his second Tommy John procedure of his career.

"It does seem there's always an injury of the year," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "It once was obliques. It's really tough with relievers."

Why are so many getting hurt? Managers and pitchers have varying theories, though there's agreement

that the role's evolution has contributed to the problem. Teams tend to have hard throwers trying to get those last three outs.

"Most of them have the delivery and the velocity and the power, so that most every pitch is a max-effort approach, not only physically but mentally," Twins general manager Terry Ryan said. "So I expect that contributes a lot to what we're talking."

Or, as Miami manager Ozzie Guillen put it, "Closers, they want to see 98, 99 mph. They think the harder they throw, the better off. People throw harder than they should, and they get hurt."

Marlins closer Heath Bell learned about the perils of throwing hard from Trevor Hoffman, who relied on precision with his fastball-changeup combination and saved 601 games over 18 seasons, a record topped last year by the Yankees' Mariano Rivera.

"Trevor Hoffman showed me how to take care of my arm," Bell said. "His philosophy was that you only have so many bullets in your arm, so why try to rear back and chuck it? If you don't need to, don't."

"I think most closers are guys who throw really hard. They're guys who throw hard for a couple of years, and if the speed isn't 98, 100 mph — it goes down to 92, 94 — they're

still rearing back. They're overthrowing and that's why they're getting hurt."

Then there's the cumulative strain. Wilson set career highs in saves, games and innings pitched in 2010, when the bearded closer helped the Giants win the World Series. His elbow acted up last season, causing him to miss more than a month.

Then, it gave out.

"A lot of times, people don't understand mentally and physically how you have to overextend when you go to the playoffs and World Series," Baker said. "You're still pitching while everybody else is home resting. That's a lot more. And you have less time to recover for next year. You have a shorter winter. Winning takes its toll, big time. There's nothing better than that, but it takes its toll."

DUSTY BAKER, REDS MANAGER

chances — and it was exciting," Madson said. "There was definitely more emotion involved because you're not used to it."

Whatever the reason, an injury to a closer can be tricky to overcome. Usually, there's nobody else in the bullpen or in the farm system with substantial experience in the role at the big-league level.

And don't be fooled — there is a big difference between finishing off the eighth inning and coming out for the ninth with the game on the line, the crowd on its feet and ever pitch magnified.

"There were times I would get a closing opportunity when I wasn't a closer — just random



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Brewer has made a difference

During Tony Brewer's life, he has accomplished many things, including being a standout player for the Fleming County Panthers.

TONY BAILEY

is a ministry to orphans, special-needs children and children at risk who are not adoptable.

Tony and his wife Cindy adopted five children, all girls, and they live in Vietnam, where the agency is located. The Orphan Care is centered in Danang, but Tony and his staff work at many outlying orphanages around Vietnam.

It is amazing what Tony has accomplished since his playing days with Fleming County as he not only works with orphans, but his anti-trafficking teachings are very helpful to children that have aged out of orphanages as they provide college/technical education.

In the '70s, I admired Tony Brewer's accomplishments on the basketball court as you could tell how focused he was on the hardwood. He showed perseverance in always doing his best until the game was over.

As Tony entered another phase of his life he still shows that same characteristic as I believe that is the reason he is a hero on and off the court.

From Flemingsburg to Vietnam, Tony Brewer has made a difference.



BRACKEN

FROM A7

home run and have a nice, smooth swing, if you can do that, today was proof positive that if you can center the ball, it will go."

St. Patrick was able to weather the Bracken County storm early in the game, getting free from a jam that saw the Polar Bears put runners on second and third and one out.

However, the Saints eventually yielded and surrendered three runs in the top of the second on just two hits and five walks.

"I thought we played decent. We gave up two home runs. But, we were down coming in. We learned that one of our senior pitchers (Patton Kern) may be out for the season," St. Patrick coach Ronnie Clos said. "Bracken County is a good team. Those two home runs really hurt, that and the second inning really hurt, but we were able to rebound. But, we are still in the learning process. We are a young team, which has only played eight games, so we are still learning."

The Saints got on the board in the bottom of the second after Jacob Heller hit a two-out single up the middle and then stole second, before ultimately scoring on an error.

Houston led off the top of the third with a solo home run over the fence in left

field. Then with two outs, Phillip Jefferson singled up the middle, Connor Rigg was hit by a pitch and Josh Cummins reached on an error. Eli Florer followed with a single to center field that scored Jefferson. Rigg also tried to come in on the play, but was gunned down at the plate after Ryan Swolsky's cutoff throw to Harrison Applegate was on target.

Swolsky generated the Saints' next run in the bottom of the third. The senior shortstop singled to right field and then stole both second and third, before scoring on a throwing error.

St. Patrick made a change on the mound to start the fourth, just as the rain became an issue. Zach Williams was hit by a pitch to lead off the frame and Jarrett Moore followed with a walk. Then Houston drove a shot over the fence in left-center field to clear the bases for the first two-home run game of his career.

"I didn't think either one was gone at first, especially the first one. But, the second one I got under it a little more," Houston said. "The second time, I tried to keep my head and make sure I didn't over swing. Both pitches were right in my wheelhouse."

The Polar Bears added another run later in the inning after Chad Stephenson singled and eventually scored on an error.

St. Patrick mounted a late threat after getting its

leadoff batter to second base in the fourth inning and then to third base in the fifth, but Williams put the game away by striking out five of the last six batters of the night.

"I thought Zach Williams pitched a great game and the defense played well behind him," Charles said. "It's good to get a district win, because it is someone you may see again down the road. So it's good to get some runs in and be prepared if you see them again."

Williams went the distance and allowed no earned runs on three hits, while striking out eight.

For a while it looked doubtful that the game could get through five complete innings, but Charles was not going to speed up the action just to assure the contest was official.

"We were not going to play hurry-up to get outs. We were going to let the kids do what they were going to do. We get enough outs as it is," he said. "However, we saw the radar coming in and knew it was going to be iffy (to get the game in), so we wanted our pitcher to work at a faster pace on the mound and between innings."

Combined eight different batters registered a hit for the two teams, but only Houston recorded more than one. He also was the only player with multiple RBI. The scattering of Bracken County's hits

troubled Charles.

"We need to produce more with runners in scoring position," he said. "We've hit a lot on base, so that has to be improved."

The win was the ninth straight for the Polar Bears over the Saints, which dropped its fourth consecutive outing while completing a six-game home stand. In contrast, Bracken County improved to 4-2 in district play and snapped a three-game road skid with the victory.

Bracken County hosts Villa Madonna tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. St. Patrick travels to play a doubleheader at Sayre on Saturday. The Saints will be back at home on Monday to face Paris.

Bracken County 032 40-9 6 2

St. Patrick 011 00-2 3 3

WP: Williams, LP: McKay.

Hitting leaders: BC — Houston 2-3, 4 RBI; 3-R; Jefferson 1-1, 2-R; Rigg 1-1, RBI; Florer 1-4, RBI; Stephenson 1-4, R; Williams 0-1, RBI; R; Cummings 0-2, RBI; Moore 0-3, R; Bishop 0-3, R.

SP: Swolsky 1-2, R; Heller 1-2, R; Applegate 1-3.

Records: Bracken County 11-9, St.

Patrick 2-6.



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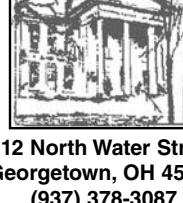
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FRIDAY, APRIL 27

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SATURDAY, APRIL 28

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11:45 AM Suffrage Rally - 1/2 hr. with U.S. Grant Reenactors
12:00 PM Call to Arms - 1/2 hr. with the 70th OVI 40
12:00 PM "Netta Taylor" - 1/2 hr. with Lisa Smith
12:30 PM Cavalry Demonstration with Eric Tapp. 1/2 hour.
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Ex-Edwards aide talks about crumbling relationship

MICHAEL BIESECKER
Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. | Andrew Young, once a close aide and good friend to John Edwards, testified Wednesday that his relationship with the former presidential candidate began to crumble about the time Edwards dropped out of the 2008 race and his baby girl was born to his mistress.

On the witness stand for the third day in Edwards' criminal trial, Young said the former North Carolina senator stopped returning his calls in January 2008, as Edwards was suspending his White House bid after early primary losses in Iowa and New Hampshire.

The prior month, Edwards issued a false statement to the press, with Young claiming the child was his. Edwards said he would set the record straight after the baby was born, Young said.

Yet months passed with no call from Edwards, and Young said he and his wife had grown tired of sharing a house with the increasingly-demanding mistress, Rielle Hunter. Through an intermediary, Young demanded a face-to-face meeting with the senator, who was then in talks with the campaign of Barack Obama about becoming the Democratic vice presidential nominee.

The two men met in a hotel room near Washington on June 18, 2008, shortly after Edwards had given a rousing speech in support of Obama. Young said he was asked to keep the secret for longer. The meeting grew intense, with the two men yelling at each other before Edwards was able to calm Young down.

"He said he loved me and that he knew that I knew he would never abandon me," Young testified.

Young is a key prosecution witness against Edwards, who is accused of conspiring to use secret payments from two wealthy donors to hide Hunter during his White House run. Edwards has pleaded not guilty to six counts related to campaign finance violations.

If convicted on all six counts, Edwards faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and as much as \$1.5 million in fines.

Edwards has denied knowing about the money, much of which flowed into accounts controlled by Young and his wife, Cheri. Edwards' lawyers claim the Youngs siphoned off the bulk of the money to pay for their \$1.5 million house near Chapel Hill.

Young will retake the stand Wednesday afternoon for what is expected to be days of tough cross-examination.

Discrediting Young is essential to the defense. They will question why he lied about being the father of Edwards' child, as well as question dates and details in Young's tell-all book, "The Politician."

Young testified that he flew to Texas in May 2008 with his wife to meet with one of the wealthy donors, Fred Baron, with four demands. He wanted to know why Edwards hadn't claimed paternity; he wanted a face-to-face meeting with him; he wanted to know what his long-term plans were and he wanted to stop living with Hunter.

Baron arranged for Hunter to move out of a Santa Barbara, Calif., house she was sharing with the Youngs, and he set up the meeting.

But before that happened, Edwards did eventually call Young and leave a voicemail.

It was played in court: "I miss talking to you Andrew. We'll see you pal."

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Mad cow case in Calif. found in USDA testing

GOSIA WOZNIAKKA
AND TRACIE CONE
Associated Press

HANFORD, Calif. | The discovery of mad cow disease in a dead dairy cow came soon after it arrived at a non-descript building in the heart of California's dairy country.

The finding, announced Tuesday, is the first new case of the disease in the U.S. since 2006 and the fourth ever discovered

in the country. The test was performed when the animal was brought to the building, a transfer facility for a processing plant near Hanford.

The cow had died at one of the region's hundreds of dairies. A plant official said the cow hadn't exhibited outward symptoms of the disease: unsteadiness, incoordination, a drastic change in behavior or low milk production. When the animal arrived at the

facility with a truckload of other dead cows on April 18, it met criteria for government testing: older than 30 months and a fresh corpse.

"We randomly pick a number of samples throughout the year, and this just happened to be one that we randomly sampled," Baker Commodities executive vice president Dennis Luckey said. "It showed no signs" of disease.

The samples went to the food safety lab at the University of California, Davis. By April 19, markers indicated the cow could have bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a disease that is fatal to cows and can cause a deadly human brain disease in people who eat tainted meat. It was sent to an Agriculture Department lab in Iowa for further testing.

On Tuesday, federal agriculture officials an-

nounced the findings: the animal had atypical BSE. That means it didn't get the disease from eating infected cattle feed, said John Clifford, the Agriculture Department's chief veterinary officer.

It was "just a random mutation that can happen every once in a great while in an animal," said Bruce Akey, director of the New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell University. "Random mutations go on in nature all the time."

In humans, experts say it can occur in one in 1 million people, causing sponge-like holes in the brain. But they say not enough is known about how and how often the disease strikes cattle.

The California Department of Public Health and the state Department of Food and Agriculture quickly worked to assure consumers that the food supply is safe. The cow hadn't been destined for human consumption and people cannot become ill from drinking milk, experts say.

The building where the cow was selected to be tested sends animals to a rendering plants, which process animal parts for products not going into the human food chain, such as animal food, soap, chemicals or other household products.

Among the unknowns about the current case is whether the animal died of the disease and whether other cattle in its herd are similarly infected.

The name of the dairy where the cow died hasn't been released, and officials haven't said where the cow was born.

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its authority when it made the records check, and another provision allowing suspected illegal immigrants to be arrested without warrants, part of the Arizona law aimed at driving illegal immigrants elsewhere.

"You can see it's not selling very well," Justice Sonia Sotomayor told Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr.

Verrilli tried to convince the justices that they should view the law in its entirety, and as inconsistent with federal immigration policy. He said the records check would allow the state to "engage effectively in mass incarceration" of immigrants lacking documentation.

He said the law embodying Arizona's approach of maximum enforcement conflicts with a more nuanced federal immigration policy that seeks to balance national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, human rights and the rights of law-abiding citizens and immigrants.

But Roberts was among those on the court who took issue with Verrilli's characterization of the check of immigration status, saying the state merely wants to notify federal authorities if it has someone in custody who may be in the U.S. illegally. "It seems to me that the federal government just doesn't want to know who's here illegally and who's not," Roberts said.

Verrilli did not mention Wednesday that the administration has deported nearly 400,000 people a year, far more than previous administrations, although the information was included in written submissions to the court.

The other provisions that have been put on hold by lower federal courts make it a state crime for immigrants not to have registration papers and for illegal immigrants to seek work or hold jobs. Arizona's Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, who signed the law two years ago, was at the court Wednesday.

Arguing for Arizona, Paul Clement said the state law mirrored federal immigration law and that the state it took action because, with its 370-mile border with Mexico, Arizona "bears a disproportionate share of the costs of illegal immigration."

But Roberts expressed unease with the state's focus on illegal workers.

"The State of Arizona, in this case, is imposing some significantly greater sanctions," he said.

Alone among the justices, Antonin Scalia appeared ready to uphold the entire law, which he described as an effort by Arizona to police its borders.

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our customary world with re-imagined perspectives that are powerful and empowering."

Lally's full length volume of poetry, *I'm Fine but Thanks for Asking*, was published this year by Accents Publishing.

Donahue is an artist, writer and farmer. She is the author of *This Is Home Now: Kentucky's Holocaust Survivors Speak*. Published by University Press of Kentucky in 2007, it is a collection of oral history interviews she conducted with survivors over a 10 year

period. Her latest work, a comic book, *Old Man Gloom*, will be released in June. Donahue has also illustrated three books; *The Hatchet Buddha*, poems by Rebecca Gayle Howell; *Dividing Ridge*, poems by Mary Ann Taylor-Hall; and *Recruiters*, a short story by Silas House.

Donahue received a bachelor of fine arts from California College of the Arts. Her accomplishments include; an Al Smith Fellowship from the Kentucky Arts Council, three Artist Enrichment grants from the Kentucky Foundation for Women and several other grants from the Kentucky Humanities Council and Oral History

Commission. She and her family reside on Three Springs Farm in Nicholas County.

After the guest readers, an 'Open Mic' venue will be offered for members of the Wordsmith and the public who want to share their written work within a three-minute time frame. The Wordsmiths are excited to present this special evening at the unique, stone winery in Bracken County. Located just outside Augusta on Kentucky 19, Baker-Bird Winery is the oldest estate winery in America and provides a perfect setting for this artistic event.

Light refreshments and a cash wine bar will be of-

fered during the break. For more information and to sign up for the 'Open Mic' contact Jim Lally at 606-407-1457.

This event is being held to celebrate the first anniversary of the founding of the Olde Washington Wordsmiths and is being put on in conjunction with the Ohio River Valley Art Guild and the Augusta Art Guild. Area writers are welcome to share their work and artists are encouraged to bring their artwork to describe the artistic process used in creating them. Since its founding in April 2011, this group has encouraged collaboration between the word arts and the visual arts.

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For a complete schedule for Grant Day see www.usgrantboyhoodhome.org.



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cast photos, autographed and framed. The show will begin at 7 p.m. in Fields Auditorium.

Saturday night's performance begins at 7 p.m.; Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. In conjunction with the show, there will be a Cruise-In in the lower parking lot at MCTC. Food and drink will be available during the Cruise-In.

Tickets for the shows are \$15 adult and \$10 for students 18 and under. Call St. Patrick School for reservations, 606-564-5949. Tickets will be sold at the door, including the Gala night.

LOCAL TALENT HAS CD RELEASE

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"My Girl" by Joey D (his stage name) is the result of Dearing's trip to meet with MGM Talent and signing with Herman Morales, who introduced him to Gary Wilson of Jungle House Productions, who wrote the song for Dearing. Dearing started in the entertainment industry about a year ago and has since been signed with several agencies.



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GRAINS MARKETING — 7:30 p.m., Mason County Extension Office.

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Meals served, 11:45 a.m.

MASON COUNTY HOME-MAKERS CONSUMER LESSON — "Art is All Around You," 10 a.m., Kentucky Gateway Museum Center.

MASON COUNTY HOME-MAKERS COUNCIL — 5 p.m., potluck.

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — eBooks Reading Club, 4:30 p.m.

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — Free computer class, 9:30 a.m.

ST. JAMES/ST. AUGUSTINE KC — 8 p.m., St. Augustine Church.

ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT — Immunization Clinic, 1-4 p.m.

FRIDAY

ARBOR DAY PROGRAM IN RIPLEY — 1 p.m., Cherry Street Park, tree planting and ceremony.

MASON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS — Speaker, Bridget Lykins, Health Department, "Fit for Summer," nutrition program, meals at 11:45.

MAYSVILLE AREA BOARD-GAMERS — Lewisburg Fire Hall, 7 p.m. Learn to play new and old board games and cards.

ST. PATRICK SPRING PLAY — "Grease," April 27-29, April 27, gala dinner at 5:30 p.m., play at 7 p.m.; April 28, play at 7 p.m., and April 29, play at 2 p.m.

MOTIVATING EMPLOYEES SEMINAR — 1:30 p.m., Mason County Extension Office, 800 U.S. 68, Maysville. \$20 chamber members, and \$25 non-chamber members, price includes lunch.

SATURDAY

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY — Brown County, Ohio, drop off 10 a.m. — 2 p.m., Kroger parking lot, Mount Orab and Pamiida, Georgetown.

MAYSVILLE-MASON COUNTY NAACP FREEDOM FUND GALA — Postponed until a later date.

BETHEL CEMETERY — Donations needed for mowing and maintenance. Checks to Bethel Cemetery, send to Larry Dillon, 4115 Kentucky 596, May's Lick, Ky. 41055.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S BIRTHDAY — Point Pleasant, Ohio, 8 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. opening ceremonies, 1 p.m., program in Grant's Memorial Church, special music by Cincinnati Freedom Choir.

BENTONVILLE ANTI HORSE THIEF SOCIETY — Banquet, Burning Heart Campground, call 937-549-3360 for more information.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT AND GIFT/CAKE AUCTION — Robertson County Community Center, Pinhook Road. Register 5 p.m., play begins 6 p.m., proceeds to March of Dimes.

12TH ANNUAL HORSE SHOW — Manchester Fire Department, call 937-479-4100, 38 classes, starting at 2 p.m.

FLEMING COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK CLINIC — Ag Barn behind FCHS, earn four hours training, bring your own animal. Call 606-845-4641, Fleming County Extension Office. Must reserve a spot by April 20.

MANCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT HORSE SHOW — 2 p.m., former baseball field in Manchester, 38 show classes. For more information 937-479-4100.

SUNDAY

BOWL FOR BABIES, MARCH OF DIMES — Double S Entertainment facility, 2-6 p.m. \$15 for two games of bowling, shoe rental and meal. Call Leslie Jackson, 606-742-9065 for information.

MONDAY

LEWIS COUNTY FISCAL COURT — Noon, special meeting, Lewis County Courthouse, third floor.

TUESDAY

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE — Noon — 6 p.m., Church of the Nativity, 31 East Third Street, Maysville.

QUARTER AUCTION — Doors open 6 p.m., auction at 7 p.m., Watson Building,

Brooksville, proceeds to Bracken County Cancer Support.

MCTC PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS — Maysville Campus, 6-9 p.m., May 1-22.

MAYSVILLE ROTARY CLUB — 11:45 a.m., lunch and speaker, Sgt. Mark Burden, Kentucky State Police.

WEDNESDAY

BROOKSVILLE LIONS CLUB AUCTION — 6:30 p.m., jitney bingo and regular bingo, 8 p.m., Watson Building, Brooksville.

MASON COUNTY CATTLE-MAN'S ASSOCIATION — Presentation on Improving Feed Efficiency, and Maximizing Grain Using Rumensin, presenter, Larry Manning and Fly Control by Bill Mills.

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

BRACKEN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY — 4 p.m., judge-executive's office, courthouse.

GOLDEN CHORDS SPRING DINNER AND CONCERT — Reservations due today, dinner/concert May 11 and 12, 7 p.m. dinner, and 8 p.m. concert. Calling 606-849-8981 or 606-845-6341. Held at First United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, Flemingsburg.

SCARLET O'HATTERS — Lunch at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, visit Thelma Whitehead after lunch. Leave Brooksville at 11 a.m.

ALL ABOUT ASPARAGUS — 6 p.m., Mason County Extension Office, taught by Tracey Parriman, Horticulture Agent and FCS Program, Angie Williams-Mitchell.

CANCER FIGHTERS UNITED — 5:30 p.m., Resource Room open, 6:30 p.m., Highland Christian Church. Bring an item for the gift basket for Relay for Life.

MASON COUNTY HOME-MAKERS — Drop off Blacktop Sale items, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m., Mason County Extension Office.

OUTGOING WORKING LADIES — 5:30 p.m., Pasquale's Restaurant.

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — eBook Reading Club, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

ADAMS COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB — Fund-raiser dinner, 6-10 p.m., Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center, Lloyd Road, West Union, Ohio. Social hour 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Speakers Helen Strickland and Liz Brown, \$10 adults, \$5 children under age 12. Reservations by calling 937-549-3649, door prizes and a auction.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FLOWER SALE — 2-4 p.m., Limestone Street.

MASON COUNTY HOME-MAKERS — Drop items for Blacktop Sale, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m., Mason County Extension Office.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

DOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT — Bingo, 6 p.m., new station at 2834 Mary Engles Highway, Dover, next to the Western Mason Water District building. Door prizes, food/drinks and more.

ALEX'S GOLDEN ANGELS CRUISE-IN — Maysville-Mason County Recreation Park, 5-8 p.m. DJ and Food by Day's Catering.

MOOSE LODGE DERBY DAY PARTY — 4:30 p.m., hat contest, at 5 p.m., Perkulators Band at 7 p.m.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FLOWER SALE — Across from bridge, 10 a.m. — 6:30 p.m. on Limestone Street.

MASON COUNTY HOME-MAKERS — Blacktop Sale, Flower and Bake Sale, 8 a.m. — 2 p.m., Mason County Extension Office.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

DOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT — Point Pleasant, Ohio, 8 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. opening ceremonies, 1 p.m., program in Grant's Memorial Church, special music by Cincinnati Freedom Choir.

BENTONVILLE ANTI HORSE THIEF SOCIETY — Banquet, Burning Heart Campground, call 937-549-3360 for more information.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT AND GIFT/CAKE AUCTION — Robertson County Community Center, Pinhook Road. Register 5 p.m., play begins 6 p.m., proceeds to March of Dimes.

FLEMING COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK CLINIC — Ag Barn behind FCHS, earn four hours training, bring your own animal. Call 606-845-4641, Fleming County Extension Office. Must reserve a spot by April 20.

MANCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT HORSE SHOW — 2 p.m., former baseball field in Manchester, 38 show classes. For more information 937-479-4100.

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SUNDAY, MAY 6

LIMESTONE CHORALE — Spring concert, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Maysville.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FLOWER SALE — 8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m., across from the bridge on Third Street and on Limestone Street.

MONDAY, MAY 7

EARLY CHILDHOOD GALA — 5-7 p.m., Mason County Extension Office, for families with children ages birth — age 5. Free event, door prizes, materials for parent, and refreshments. Sponsored by First Steps Program through Comprehend.

LINCOLN

FROM B1

As General of the Army and later as the 18th President, Grant instituted and administered many of Lincoln's policies. Lincoln outlined his expectations

HOW YOU SEE IT

WHO LET THE DOG OUT?

I have a dog of my own and I keep it in my yard. There is an old brown dog which goes around and gets in all the people's trash. I advise the owner to keep the dog in their own yard, at least on Monday which is trash day. Someone is going to poison that dog, I wouldn't do that, but some people would.

PUT LITTER IN ITS PLACE

I notice that some people are becoming too lazy to put their trash in a trash can. Some of our highways are covered with litter from the local restaurants. If you lived in Europe, the fine would be so stiff you would probably have to stay in jail a long time. They don't even throw a cigarette butt down. Let's take pride in our country. Officials need to crack down on this terrible habit.

HIGH AND DRY

Looks like slim picking for the kids this summer. Both local pools are closed until summer of 2013. It is a little far to Blue Licks and now the kids have no place to swim. Too bad they couldn't have done them at different times.

NOT OVER YET

Tuesday Romney may have swept five primaries, but this doesn't tell us that he will beat Obama in the next election.

HELP IS ON THE WAY

I see where the residents of Maple Leaf Road can breathe a little easier. They have finally funded the money to widen this busy highway.

WADING IN TALL GRASS

What do you do about neighbors who never mow their yards? The rest of the subdivision looks great all of the time.

BE ALERT

Statistics were shocking of how many were killed or injured in highway and maintenance work zones for the last three years. I think the patrolmen should crack down on those speeders. You see all kinds of warnings but most people ignore them. We need some unmarked cars watching.

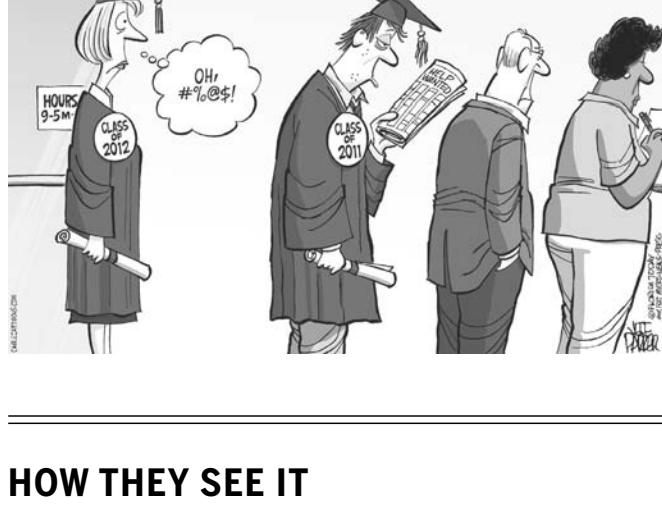
BAD SPORTS

I can't believe that Ohio fans were angry over the Cincinnati Reds honoring the UK Wildcats. Many UK fans are also Reds fans. Get over it.

GIVE HIM A BREAK

Give the man a break! We need to consider where our nation was when the Bush term ended. Obama did not come into office at a good time. All of the problems did not start then. Some were old policies and it is hard to get things changed when the opposite party fights you on everything, just to be stubborn.

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HOW THEY SEE IT

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER ON THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

All most Kentuckians know about the recent debacle in Frankfort is that lawmakers failed to finish their work on time and, as a result, will pocket extra pay.

Most wage-earners would never expect to be rewarded for messing up like this. (More likely, they'd worry about getting fired.) At the very least, they'd try hard to avoid repeating the mistake.

It's not too much to ask the same of lawmakers. If the Legislature wants to avoid embarrassing repeats — remember it also failed in another basic duty, redistricting — it will have to reform itself.

We know talking about process isn't as much fun as dissecting the political psychodrama between Senate President David Williams and Gov. Steve Beshear.

But good decision-making, in the public or private sector, is all about sound process.

In two areas, in particular, redistricting and budgeting, the Legislature must commit to open, deliberative decision-making — unless, of course, lawmakers want to look like world champs in venality.

The General Assembly will have to throw open the doors on decision-making that's now closely held by a few leaders working out of sight of both the public and most of the Legislature. ...

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POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Judging, the cosmic way



GEORGE WILL

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The Constitution is a companion of the Declaration of Independence, and should be construed as an implementation of the Declaration's premises, which include: Government exists not to confer rights but to "secure" pre-existing rights; the fundamental rights concern the liberty of individuals, not the prerogatives of the collectivity — least of all when it acts to the detriment of individual liberty.

WASHINGTON — Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III, a Reagan appointee to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, is a courtly Virginian who combines a manner as soft as a Shenandoah breeze with a keen intellect. His disapproval of much current thinking about how the Constitution should be construed is explained in his spirited new book — slender and sharp as a stiletto — "Cosmic Constitutional Theory: Why Americans Are Losing Their Inalienable Right to Self-Government" (Oxford).

A "cosmic theory," Wilkinson says, is any theory purporting to do for constitutional questions what Freud and Einstein tried to do concerning human behavior and the universe, respectively — provide comprehensive and final answers. The three jurisprudential theories Wilkinson criticizes are the "living Constitution," a originalism and a constitutional pragmatism. Each, he says, abets judicial hubris, leading to judicial "activism."

Those who believe the Constitution is "living" believe, Wilkinson says, that judges should "implement the contemporary values" of society. This leads to "free-wheeling judging." So Wilkinson apparently agrees somewhat with Justice Antonin Scalia, who stresses the "anti-evolutionary purpose of a constitution," which "is to prevent change — to embed certain rights in such a manner that future generations cannot readily take them away." Future generations or contemporary majorities.

Wilkinson is right that judges, comprising an elite and "introverted" profession, are prone to misreading the values of the broader society. But even if judges read those values correctly, judicial restraint can mean giving coercive sweep to the values of contemporary majorities. That a majority considers something desirable is not evidence that it is constitutional.

One problem with originalism, Wilkinson argues, is that historical research concerning the original meaning of the Constitution's text — how it was understood when ratified — often is inconclusive. This leaves judges no Plan B — other than to read their preferences into the historical fog.

Constitutional pragmatists advocate using judicial power to improve the functioning of the democratic process. But this, Wilkinson rightly warns, licenses judges to decide what a well-functioning democracy should look like, and gives them vast discretion to engage in activism in defense of, for example, those it decides are "discrete and insular minorities."

Insisting that "the republican virtue of restraint requires no cosmic theory," Wilkinson's recurring refrain is that judges should be disposed to defer to majorities, meaning the desires of politi-

cal, popularly elected institutions. But because deference to majority rule is for Wilkinson a value that generally trumps others, it becomes a kind of cosmic theory — a solution that answers most vexing constitutional riddles.

Wilkinson's premise is that "self-governance," meaning majority rule, is the "first principle of our constitutional order." But this principle, although important, is insufficient and, in fact, is secondary. Granted, where politics operates — where collective decisions are made for the polity — majorities should generally have their way. But a vast portion of life should be exempt from control by majorities. And when the political branches do not respect a capacious zone of private sovereignty, courts should police the zone's borders. Otherwise, individuals' self-governance of themselves is sacrificed to self-government understood merely as a prerogative of majorities.

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Wilkinson cites Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes as a practitioner of admirable judicial modesty. But restraint needs a limiting principle, lest it become abdication. Holmes said: "If my fellow citizens want to go to Hell I will help them. It's my job." No, a judge's job is to judge, which includes deciding whether majorities are misbehaving at the expense of individual liberty.

Justice Felix Frankfurter, whose restraint Wilkinson praises, said the Constitution is "not a document but a stream of history." If so, it is not a constitution; it cannot constitute if its meanings are fluid and constantly flowing in the direction of the preferences of contemporary majorities.

The Constitution is a document, one understood — as America's greatest jurist, John Marshall, said — "chiefly from its words." And those words are to be construed in the bright light cast by the Declaration. Wilkinson worries about judges causing "an ever-increasing displacement of democracy." Also worrisome, however, is the displacement of liberty by democracy in the form of majorities indifferent to or hostile to what the Declaration decrees — a spacious sphere of individual sovereignty.

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POLITICAL COMMENTARY

The other, angrier birds (of the GOP)



WILL DURST

The object of "Angry Birds" is to use a slingshot to fling various flightless birds at flimsy houses built by egg-thieving green pigs. The object of the 2012 Republican primary race is, well, pretty much the same thing: to toss accusations and blame at the White House in order to steal independents from the Democrats.

Some small-minded pundits are guaranteed to grouchily opine this is neither the time nor the place to be re-circulating unfounded conspiracy theories. Then again, mightn't it be more imprudent to ignore the latest rumors and dark mutterings concerning something as important as the nomination of a presidential candidate? Of course we're talking about the uncanny similarities between the 2012 Republican primary race and a game of "Angry Birds."

The skeptical amongst you will be tempted to dismiss this subject as the lunatic ravings of a recently returned passenger from an extended trans-Canadian vacation on the bourbon train, but there is more here than meets the eye. First off: You'd have to be a hermit living in the darkest recesses of a Sonoran desert zinc mine not to be aware of the popular multi-platform phenomenon that is "Angry Birds." And how many are aware of the 2012 Republican primary race? Well, perhaps not as many, but still way up there.

The two activities share several basic characteristics: both are infuriatingly frustrating, defy physics and logic as we know them, and can instantly turn into terminally addictive pastimes that many experts consider a leading cause to loss of both sanity and productivity in America today.

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order to steal independents from the Democrats.

Each angry bird possesses unique powers and skills. As do the Republican candidates. The weakest bird is a little red one that squawks a lot but doesn't affect much of anything. That, of course, would be Ron Paul. Another bird in your arsenal is the yellow one that can break through load-bearing walls. Obviously, Herman Cain.

Can't forget the big, lumpy white bird that drops exploding eggs, which would be — who else — Michele Bachmann. And the little, blue bird that splits into three little, blue birds at the touch of the screen? Got to be the Texas king of multiple personalities known for disintegrating on television, Rick Perry.

There's a big, red bird with all the subtlety of a broken rock formation whose only ability is to knock down everything unlucky enough to be in its path. Newt Gingrich, right? Bet you had that one. And the bird that is not a bird at all, but more of a bomb with an extremely short fuse, which could not be confused with anybody other than Rick Santorum.

And finally, in both instances, when you can't win using strategy and skill, you're allowed to cheat, legally. In the game "Angry Birds," for the right price you can utilize a feature called "Mighty Eagle." This special-order bird pummels your intended target to bits, but you have to pay a little extra. Exactly like how Mitt Romney won Florida and Michigan and Wisconsin. Next week, we'll investigate the eerie resemblance between the Supreme Court and "Doodle Jump."



FARM DAY EXHIBIT | Trooper Endre Samu, Kentucky State Police Post 8 Public Affairs Officer participated with various Fleming County agencies during the annual Farm Day at the Fleming County High School. The Kentucky State Police Drug Trailer was made available from the KSP Headquarters as one of the feature displays. The fourth grade elementary class was able to view the multiple depictions of how drug usage plays a negative role on a person.

PROVIDED

ADVICE**Dad who wants to be in kids' loop must try a little harder**

DEAR ABBY: "Modern Dad in Roswell, Ga." (Feb. 26) was put off that invitations to his young daughters are sent to his ex-wife's home

rather than to both his and the ex-wife's. He assumes the sender is "sexist" and suggests the solution for children with two households is to be sent two invitations.

parents. Unless he cultivates these connections (with the mothers, most likely), it is improbable that he will be added to the contact list. — **CHALLENGED, TOO, IN SEVERNA PARK, MD.**

DEAR ABBY: I know from organizing school activities that often only one parent supplies an email address to the school, and it's usually the mom. If "Modern Dad's" ex-wife would cooperate by sending him a list of email addresses of those most likely to issue invites, he could send out a polite message sharing his contact information with those other parents. Also,

if he reaches out to help arrange carpools or organize social outings — which is usually a "mom" job — he'll become an added member of "the group." — **NON-SEXIST MOM IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR ABBY: Our solution to this problem was to use an online computer calendar for the kids' events. That way, regardless of which parent gets the invite, it can be posted on the calendar with the appropriate details. (Privacy settings can be set so the calendar is not viewable to the general public.) — **FLORIDA FATHER**

DEAR ABBY: My son's school sends out a parent directory that includes both my and my ex-husband's email addresses. I receive a lot of information, including invitations by email, and always see my ex's address included on everything as well.

Not having to remind him about parties and school events has taken a huge load off my shoulders.

Maybe "Dad" can suggest his daughters' school start a parental email list and make sure his information stays updated. — **INVOLVED TEXAS MAMA**

**DEAR ABBY****Maysville Woman's Club meets in March**

The GFWC Maysville Woman's Club met on March 16, 2012, at deSha's Restaurant for lunch. The meeting was called to order by President Maude Teegarden. Mrs. Teegarden gave the devotional.

In officer reports, Secretary Dena Green read the February minutes and

Treasurer Joyce Weigott gave the treasury balance. In the arts community service program, Mrs. Green reminded members about the upcoming high school musicals at Mason County and St. Patrick and encouraged members to attend and also The Maysville Players upcoming play is

"Noises Off." Sue Gifford reported that the Lexington Opera House will be having a "Music of the Big Band Era" show on April 5 and there is also an exhibit at the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center about the history of the Maysville Players.

Under continuing business, the club voted to purchase 30 pinwheels for Child Abuse Awareness Month in April that were placed throughout the community. In new business, the club voted to donate \$50 to the American Red Cross for Morgan

County relief from the tornado damage.

In announcements, members were reminded about the spring KFWC Convention in Lexington on April 12-15. New officers will be elected and installed.

The meeting program was presented by Helen Morrison who is an education consultant with KET. She shared information about the wide variety of programs that are available to teachers, students, parents, and the general public through KET.

Garden club considered during April 16 meeting

Mason County residents met at the Mason County Extension Office on April 16 to discuss the revitalization of a garden club in Maysville. The Kentucky Garden Club Association has over 2,000 current members that make up five districts.

Director Paula Hyatt of the Limestone District attended Monday night's meeting in order to encourage residents of Maysville to form a gar-

den club and to explain what is to be expected of garden club members. Members of the garden club will participate in community gardening activities that are to be determined by the club. The club will hold meetings and invite speakers in order to further their knowledge of gardening. Discussion over the beautification of downtown Maysville and Old Washington were major topics at the night's meeting.

Marsha Jones, a local resident in Old Washington, is spearheading the garden club initiative. Jones's mother participated in a garden club in Fleming County back in the 1960s and 1970s. Among those who met, enthusiasm was shown as to encouraging residents of all ages to participate. Discussion was held as to whether to offer babysitting for parents of young children who might want to participate in the garden club.

The next meeting for the club is to be held Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the Mason County Extension Office. Anyone who would be interested in being a part of the community gardening club is encouraged to attend.



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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, April 26, the 117th day of 2012. There are 249 days left in the year.

HISTORY HIGHLIGHT

On April 26, 1937, German and Italian warplanes raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War, resulting in widespread destruction; estimates of the number of people killed vary greatly, from the hundreds to the thousands. (The raid inspired Pablo Picasso's famous antiwar painting, "Guernica.")

My guess is, even though the girls stay with Dad, he doesn't have relationships with most of their friends'

the central Atlantic after colliding with the aircraft carrier USS Wasp with the loss of 176 crew members.

In 1962, the NASA spacecraft Ranger 4 crashed into the moon as planned after failing to transmit images and data.

In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1.3 megaton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

In 1972, the first Lockheed L-1011 TriStar went into commercial service with Eastern Airlines.

In 1986, a major nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in Ukraine (then part of the Soviet Union).

In 1992, Moscow saw its first publicly observed Russian Orthodox Easter in 74 years.

In 2000, Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed the nation's first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions.

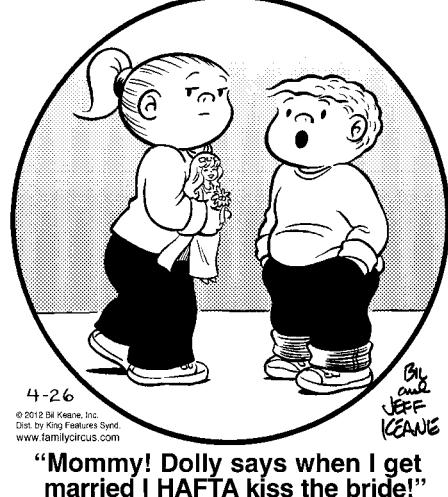
Ten years ago: Robert Steinheuser, an expelled student, went on a shooting rampage at a school in Erfurt, Germany, killing 16 people, plus himself. David Gunn, who had run transit systems in New York City and Washington, was named president of Amtrak, the troubled national rail passenger service.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"A good scapegoat is nearly as welcome as a solution to the problem." — Author unknown.

FAMILY CIRCUS

by Bil Keane



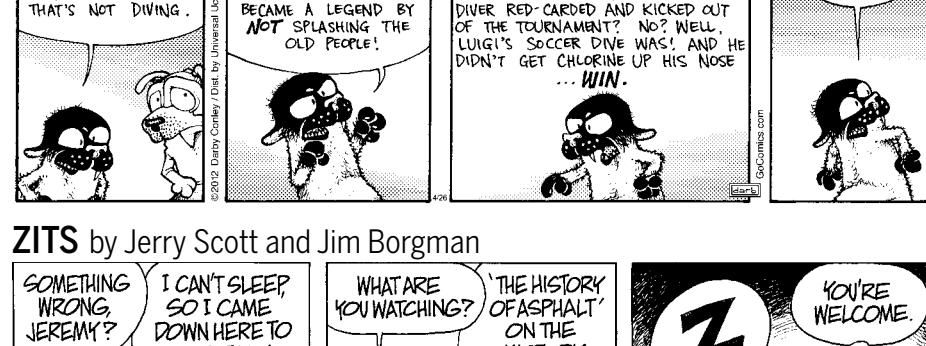
"Mommy! Dolly says when I get married I HAFTA kiss the bride!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

by Hank Ketcham



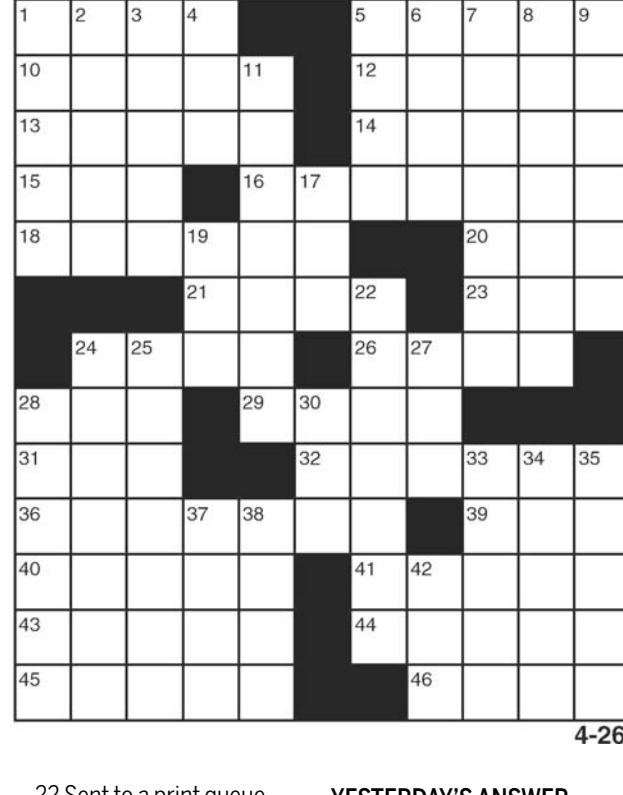
"IF YOU LOSE YOUR JOB, DAD, I'M SURE MOM HAS PLENTY OF STUFF YOU CAN DO."

DUSTIN by Jeff Parker and Steve Kelley**HI AND LOIS** by Brian and Greg Walker**HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE** by Chris Browne**PICKLES** by Brian Crane**JUMP START** by Robb Armstrong**GET FUZZY** by Darby Conley**ZITS** by Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman**BABY BLUES** by Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott**BEETLE BAILEY** by Mort Walker**BLONDIE** by Dean Young and Stan Drake**CROSSWORD** by Thomas Joseph**ACROSS**

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- 5 Some hits
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- 12 Baseball manager Joe
- 13 Fashion
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- 39 Reduce drastically
- 40 Fighting words
- 41 Sprawling stories
- 43 Got up
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- 45 Refinery sights
- 46 Salon offerings

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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BRIDGE by Steve BeckerNorth dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			
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♥ K 6			
♦ J 10 5			
♣ A Q 7 4			

WEST			
♦ 8 5 3			
♥ Q 10 4 2			
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♣ J			

EAST			
♦ 6			
♥ 9 8 7 3			
♦ 8 7 3			
♣ K 9 8 6			

SOUTH			
♦ A K 7 4			
♥ A J 5			
♦ A Q			
♣ 10 3 2			

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	6 ♠	

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Although there is no real magic in bridge, the nature of the game is such that you can sometimes cause a seemingly certain loser to disappear.

Consider this deal where it appears you must lose a diamond

and a club and go down one in six spades. Yet the fact is that if you play your cards correctly — and in a perfectly logical manner — you make the slam.

West leads the jack of clubs, which looks very much like a singleton, since you've got the ten in your hand. You therefore go up with the ace and draw three rounds of trumps, ending in the North hand.

You next lead the four of clubs from dummy. If East goes up with the king, establishing your ten and dummy's queen in the process, the battle is immediately over. In that case you would eventually discard your queen of diamonds on the queen of clubs.

So let's say East plays low on the club lead from dummy, and that you win the trick with your ten. You still have a club loser, and it might therefore

appear that the outcome now depends on a successful diamond finesse. But this is not true. As a matter of fact, at this point you should realize that the slam is in the bag regardless of where the king of diamonds is located.

Accordingly, you lead a heart to the king and return a low diamond from dummy. After East follows low, you finesse the queen. If the finesse wins, you have 12 tricks then and there, but even if the finesse loses, you still have 12 tricks. This is because, whatever West returns, you can later get rid of your club loser on dummy's jack of diamonds.

So, regardless of how East-West defend, there's no way they can stop one of your losers from simply vanishing into thin air.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

HOROSCOPE by Frances Drake**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)

Your home routine definitely will be interrupted today. Small appliances could break down, or minor breakages could occur. Remember to be extra patient with family members.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)

This is an accident-prone day for your sign, so slow down and take it easy. Be very aware of everything you say and do. (Allow extra time for wiggle room.)

Gemini (May 21 to June 20)

Keep an eye on your money and your possessions today. You might find money; you might lose money. Guard what you own against loss or theft. (It's a challenging day!)

Cancer (June 21 to July 22)

You feel rebellious today. That's why this is a poor day for important discussions with authority figures. Instead of listening, you'll be fighting back.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22)

You feel restless today. It's as if you're not sure what to do first or where to put your energy. Just relax, because everyone else feels a bit like this as well. (It's a crapshoot.)

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

An argument with a friend, especially in a group situation, could break out today. Alternatively, a friend could really surprise you. Be prepared.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

It's not easy dealing with authority figures today, especially female authority figures (including mothers). Therefore, avoid these discussions if you can. Tread softly.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Travel plans and anything that has to do with higher education might be changed or canceled today. Long-distance deliveries will be late. It's hard to count on things today.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Keep an eye on your bank account today, because unexpected changes with cash flow

and especially shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt are likely. Brace yourself for a few surprises.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Relations with partners and close friends are pretty bumpy today. Therefore, knowing this ahead of time, relax and keep things light. Don't push anyone's buttons.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

High-tech problems, computer crashes, canceled appointments and staff shortages are likely at work today. Something will affect your routine — that's for sure. Be patient.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20)

This is an accident-prone day for your kids; therefore, be extra vigilant. Be aware of what they are doing and remove them from any hazardous situations. (Romance is rocky today as well.)

You Born Today

You are very much in this world. You like to create structures and maintain them. Building something excites you. (You will protect what is valuable.) You also love the outdoors, and many are interested in horticulture and agriculture. You genuinely like to help others. Good news! Your year ahead might be one of the most powerful years of your life! Dream big!

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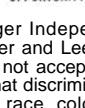
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